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Office Action Summary

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DIEPSTRATEN ET AL.

Examiner

Kevin C. Harper

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 and 7-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,7 and 9-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 November 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTQ-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed November 5, 2005 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Trachewsky et al. in view of Hasegawa et al.

Drawings

A replacement drawing was received on November 5, 2005. This drawing is acceptable.

Priority

Applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.55 (c) is noted and is awaiting decision by the Office of Petitions.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later

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invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 5, 7 and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trachewsky et al. (US 2001/0055311) in view of Hasegawa et al. (US 2001/0024454).

1. Regarding claims 5, 7 and 10-11, Trachewsky discloses a system (and method) for accessing a network from a station (fig. 1b) comprising a memory and processor to implement computer-readable code (para. 113, lines 1-5) configured to detect a first signal portion in a received data signal (fig. 6, item 610; para. 240, lines 1-3; para. 241, lines 1-4). A second signal portion (fig. 6, item 620) follows the first signal portion and uses a coding technique different from the coding technique of the first signal (fig. 6, item 610, 2 Mbaud QPSK vs. item 620 4 Mbaud QPSK, 8PSK, 16 QAM, etc.).

2. However, Trachewsky does not disclose detecting the second signal by determining an auto-correlation between a first part and a third part of the signal. Hasegawa discloses detecting a data frame by auto-correlation of a first and third portion of the data frame (para. 88, lines 1-7; note: cyclic prefix at head and tail of data). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to detect a second signal portion by auto-correlation in the invention of Trachewsky in order to properly synchronize the data reception (Hasegawa, para. 89).

Claims 4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trachewsky in view of Hasegawa, as applied to claims 7 or 11 above, in further view of Williams et al. (US 5,815,488).

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3. Regarding claims 4 and 9, Trachewsky in view of Hasegawa discloses an ADSL system (Trachewsky, para. 6, last two lines). However, Trachewsky in view of Hasegawa does not disclose OFDM. Williams discloses OFDM for use in an ADSL system (col. 2, lines 15-18). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to transmit OFDM symbols in the invention of Trachewsky in view of Hasegawa in order to provide bandwidth efficient and robust transmissions (Williams, col. 2, lines 31-40; col. 3, lines 17-37).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3 and 8 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

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CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Harper whose telephone number is 571-272-3166. The examiner can normally be reached weekdays from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM ET.

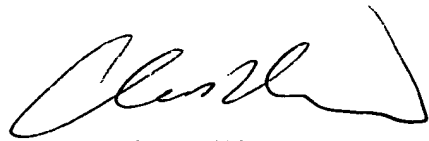
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham, can be reached at 571-272-3179. The centralized fax number for the Patent Office is 571-273-8300. For non-official communications, the examiner's personal fax number is 571-273-3166 and the examiner's e-mail address is kevin.harper@uspto.gov.

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